

The Daily Astorian.

ASTORIA, OREGON:

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D. C. IRELAND Editor.

The twinkling of the stars is generally admitted to be due to moisture in the upper air. M. Montigny, in a paper published in Les Mondes, holds that very pronounced twinkling of the stars indicates either commotion in the upper regions of the atmosphere or a sudden fall of temperature there, thus denoting the conditions of an early appearance of bad weather.

Every now and then some New England person delivers a lecture in which he tells the American people exactly what they ought to do. The average New England lecturer cannot understand what the world would do without his advice. One of these oracles says that if Mr. Garfield would satisfy the nation, that is, New England; he must make his cabinet to correspond with the names which he, the lecturer, proposes. He does not exactly name Whittier for secretary of war, but comes as near to such nonsense as he can.

That notorious fraud, Rochefort, is again making a noise and largely infesting the French newspapers with his gasconade. He recently sent a challenge to the editor of the Voltaire and violently denounces Girardin, Pessard, Gambetta and others in his pet aversions. It has come out that in 1871 Rochefort wrote a letter to Gambetta repudiating all connection with the commune, and in consequence of this Louise Michael, the female communist, who lately returned from New Caladonia, has proclaimed him a traitor.

The boers of Transvaal in south Africa are engaged in a hopeless war for independence. The term boer designates the Dutch settlers, or farmers, who originally settled near the cape, but moved back into the interior to get out of British jurisdiction. They inhabit a country about 400 miles square, between twenty-two degrees and twenty-eight degrees, south latitude, where they set up a republic. Three years ago the British confederation of south Africa was extended over their country, and they are now at war to re-establish an independent government.

The Dom Pedro II railroad is the largest, with perhaps one exception the most important, in Brazil. The total length of the main line is 395 miles, and extensions are made almost every year. The road was commenced under the management of an incorporated company, interest of 7 per cent on the capital stock being guaranteed by the government. But in building the first portion of the road it was necessary to cross the mountains near Rio and by the time 100 miles were completed the capital was entirely exhausted. In 1865 the government bought the road of the stockholders, and it has since been run as a branch of the imperial service. On the invested capital of rather more than \$40,000,000 the government realizes an average income of 5 1/2 per centum yearly.

The St. Louis Republican calls attention to an interesting decision recently rendered by the United States Supreme-court in the case of a creditor against the town of Louisiana, in the state of Missouri. A statute provides that no city, town or county bonds, shall be valid unless registered in the office of the state auditor, but the local officials antedated the bonds so that the statute should not be applicable to them. When payment was demanded it was refused, on the ground that the issue of the bonds were void. The National Supreme-court decides that the holder has an equitable claim against the city for his money. In other words, a city shall not be allowed to keep the money obtained fraudulently by its own officials. Justice and law have agreed this time.

George Eliot.

In the death of Mrs. Cross, George Eliot; the literary world sustains a great loss. Ever since her first appearance in literature, forty years; her works have been admitted to be among the best in the English language. Then, as Marion Evans, when only twenty years of age she went to London with the intention of earning her livelihood by her pen. She was received at once among the contributors to Blackwood's Magazine and her first efforts, Scenes from Clerical Life, attracted much attention. Since then her fame has been constantly increasing. The rare analytical power of her mind and her philosophical tastes have marked her as an unusual member of her sex. She has been ranked among the first of novelists of all countries and times, and most critics unite in placing her at the head of all English novelists. Soon after she went to London she met George Henry Lewes, the eminent writer on philosophical subjects. Their tastes were similar and an attachment soon sprang up between them. But Mr. Lewes' wife was insane and according to English law he could not get a divorce from her. Both he and Miss Evans believed that in everything except the mere letter of the law he and his wife were separated. It was impossible to have a legal ceremony performed; so, in the presence of witnesses they exchanged vows of eternal fidelity, and from that time until his death two years ago, they were popularly regarded as married. About a year ago she was married to Mr. Walter Cross, a Liverpool merchant and a native of Boston, a gentleman of only half her age. Her connection with Mr. Lewes was peculiar, and has created much comment which will doubtless be called out again in the notices of her death. But whatever the opinions expressed in relation to it, of one thing there can be doubt, that it was a purer and more genuine union than many a marriage solemnized according to legal and clerical form in church and temple.

Banned if You Do, and Damned if You Don't.

Loud complaints were made when, some weeks ago, Sara Bernhardt landed at New York from the same ship that brought over Mrs. Lincoln—Bernhardt receiving an immense ovation while the widow of the great president came on shore unnoticed except by a few personal friends. The able editors and great preachers spoke of the contrast as a disgrace to our country; and perhaps it was. But the thing happened in the most natural way in the world. Not twenty persons in New York knew that Mrs. Lincoln was on board the vessel, as publicity had been purposely avoided, while as a matter of business thousands of dollars had been spent by theatrical managers in advertising the arrival of the actress. It now becomes known that the customs official at New York whose duty it was to examine the baggage of passengers, becoming aware of Mrs. Lincoln's presence, declined to open her trunks—of course as a matter of courtesy or mark of respect for the widow of the illustrious President; and for doing that thing the official has been dismissed from the service. And some of the journals that said it was a shame that Mrs. Lincoln was not accorded a fitting reception have returned to the subject to say that the official—the only man who showed any courtesy at all—was properly dismissed. There are critics of the press who are hard to please.

About a year ago Senator Jones had a chance to buy the Robert E. Lee mine for \$300,000, and it has since yielded a clear profit of \$1,250,000. The Virginia Chronicle thinks likely that Jones was in the fix of the man who had a chance to buy the state of Texas for a pair of boots and didn't. The Texas man didn't happen to have the boots.

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J. G. HUSTLER,

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